

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	) Group Art Unit: 1797
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DAWSON, Elliott P. et al.	) Examining Attorney: Hobbs, Michael L.
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Application No.: 10/599,248	) Customer No. 23676
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Filing Date: September 22, 2006	)
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For: Method and Device for the Collection	)
and Isolation of Nucleic Acid	)
	) Pasadena, California

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2009, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this communication.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this communication